



Idaho December Milk Production Ranks Sixth

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Idaho's rank among states in milk production dropped to sixth during December 2002. Idaho had held the fifth spot since overtaking Minnesota in July 2002. Idaho's production during December 2002 totaled 679 million pounds, a 2.9 percent increase from the same month last year and 3.0 percent more than November 2002. Production during November 2002 totaled 659 million pounds, unchanged from the preliminary estimate and 2.3 percent above November 2001. Average milk production per cow in December 2002 was 1,740 pounds, 10 pounds less than December 2001, but 50 pounds above November 2002. The average number of milk cows during December was 390,000 head, unchanged from the previous month, but 13,000 head more than December 2001.

Nationally, December milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from production in these same States in December 2001. November revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from November 2001. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,567 pounds for December 2002, 18 pounds above December 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.80 million head, 47,000 head more than December 2001, and 6,000 head more than November 2002.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, December 2001-2002

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2002 As Percent of 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona 3/	140	150	1,730	1,915	242	287	119
California	1,618	1,676	1,740	1,750	2,815	2,933	104
Florida	152	147	1,320	1,315	201	193	96
IDAHO	377	390	1,750	1,740	660	679	103
Illinois	115	115	1,490	1,505	171	173	101
Indiana	155	146	1,395	1,475	216	215	100
Iowa	206	208	1,550	1,550	319	322	101
Kentucky	125	120	1,130	1,100	141	132	94
Michigan	298	301	1,635	1,675	487	504	103
Minnesota	500	480	1,460	1,465	730	703	96
Missouri	141	134	1,145	1,180	161	158	98
New Mexico	288	309	1,700	1,710	490	528	108
New York	675	675	1,450	1,470	979	992	101
Ohio	258	260	1,450	1,440	374	374	100
Pennsylvania	592	590	1,540	1,515	912	894	98
Texas	310	311	1,385	1,465	429	456	106
Vermont	154	153	1,490	1,470	229	225	98
Virginia	119	119	1,335	1,310	159	156	98
Washington	247	247	1,845	1,890	456	467	102
Wisconsin	1,280	1,266	1,435	1,445	1,837	1,829	100
20 STATE TOTAL	7,750	7,797	1,549	1,567	12,008	12,220	102

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ Preliminary revisions for Arizona indicate milk production at 267 million pounds for December 2001. This preliminary revision is not included in the 20-State total. Annual revisions will be published in February 2003.

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 3 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for December 2002 totaled 50.3 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year. December production was down 6 percent from November's 53.6 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-December 2002 period totaled 622 million pounds, down 3 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in December, up 1 percent from the 3.81 billion pounds produced in December 2001. Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, down slightly from December 2001.

The average live weight was 1,265 pounds, up 9 pounds from December a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.66 million head, 3 percent above December 2001. The average live weight was 268 pounds, unchanged from December a year ago. Lamb and mutton production, at 18.5 million pounds, was down 3 percent from December 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 278,500 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, down 5 pounds from December a year ago. January-December red meat production was 47.2 billion pounds, 3 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was 4 percent higher than last year, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 3 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	December 2001	November 2002	December 2002	December 2002 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				December 2001	November 2002
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	97.6	109.5	120.6	123	110
Colorado	157.8	153.4	160.9	102	105
IDAHO	51.9	53.6	50.3	97	94
Illinois	211.1	233.2	220.1	104	94
Iowa	531.9	541.6	528.1	99	98
Kansas	488.4	458.5	454.0	93	99
Minnesota	185.1	201.0	202.2	109	101
Montana	1.6	1.5	1.6	102	112
Nebraska	591.9	630.3	597.6	101	95
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	107	93
Oklahoma	83.9	86.9	86.7	103	100
Oregon	3.4	3.4	3.4	101	101
South Dakota	86.8	74.8	73.6	85	98
Texas	372.0	387.2	369.6	99	95
Utah	39.8	40.6	39.8	100	98
Washington	53.0	53.0	51.7	98	98
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	0.5	125	122
UNITED STATES	3,813.6	3,907.3	3,858.7	101	99

^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. ^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 11 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on January 1, 2003 totaled 295,000 head, down 11 percent from the January 1, 2002 inventory. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand as of December 1, 2002.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 44,000 head, down 7,000 head from December 2001 placements. Marketings during December totaled 47,000 head, down 12,000 head from December 2001 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on January 1, 2003.

The inventory was 8 percent below January 1, 2002 and 10 percent below January 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.59 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 6 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.49 million.

During December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 421,000, 600-699 pounds were 507,000, 700-799 pounds were 407,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 255,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2001 but 3 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 99,000 during December, 6 percent above 2001 and 4 percent above 2000.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	January 1, 2002	December 1, 2002	January 1, 2003		
			Number	As % of 2002	As % of December
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	305	295	289	95	98
California	480	500	490	102	98
Colorado	1,180	1,070	1,020	86	95
Idaho	330	300	295	89	98
Iowa	355	350	355	100	101
Kansas	2,480	2,300	2,200	89	96
Nebraska	2,230	2,180	2,140	96	98
New Mexico	108	123	119	110	97
Oklahoma	360	340	330	92	97
South Dakota	195	195	205	105	105
Texas	2,880	2,700	2,630	91	97
Washington	247	195	180	73	92
Other States	415	350	335	81	96
United States	11,565	10,898	10,588	92	97

1/Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Frozen Potato Stocks Down 9 Percent

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on December 31, 2002, totaled 871 million pounds, a decrease of 14 percent from December 31, 2001 and down 9 percent from November 30, 2002. Other frozen potatoes, at 255 million pounds, increased 11 percent from last year but decreased 1 percent from the previous month.

United States stocks of butter on December 31, 2002, totaled 157 million pounds, up 182 percent from the end of the previous year and up 16 percent from the previous month. Of this 157 million pounds, the government owned 555,000 pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 496 million pounds, up 10 percent from December 31, 2002 and up 5 percent from November 30, 2002. The government owned 197,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks

Commodity	Dec 31, 2001	Nov. 30, 2002	Dec 31, 2002	2002 2001
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	1,010,098	957,161	871,386	86
Other Frozen	229,659	257,214	255,362	111
TOTAL	1,239,757	1,214,375	1,126,748	91
DAIRY:				
Butter	55,915	135,632	157,460	282
(Gov't Owned)	436	1,021	555	127
Natural Cheese	449,105	474,055	495,806	110
American, Total				
(Gov't Owned)	817	463	197	24

Idaho Fruit Production

Idaho's apple and peach production in 2002 was unchanged from last year, but prune and plum production decreased and sweet cherry production increased. Apple production totaled 80.0 million pounds and peach production totaled 13.0 million pounds, both unchanged from 2001. Prune and Plum production in 2002 was 2,000 tons, a 1,000 ton decrease from last year. Sweet cherry production was 1,700 tons, up 300 tons from 2001.

Nationally, apple production totaled 8.59 billion pounds, down 9 percent from 2001. Utilized production at 8.47 billion pounds was down 8 percent from last year. Peach production totaled 2.58 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2001. Utilized production at 2.47 billion pounds was up 6 percent from last year. Sweet cherry production decreased 22 percent from a year ago to 180,225 tons. Prune and plum production totaled 15,850 tons, down 25 percent from 2001.

Total Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2001-2002 ^{1/}

State	Apples		Peaches		Prunes & Plums		Sweet Cherries	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>	
California	520.0	420.0	^{2/} 775.0	^{2/} 796.0	--	--	55,300	55,500
Georgia	9.0	10.0	140.0	110.0	--	--	--	--
Idaho	80.0	80.0	13.0	13.0	3,000	2,000	1,400	1,700
Illinois	43.6	43.0	17.8	17.2	--	--	--	--
Michigan	930.0	500.0	42.0	14.0	3,600	250	23,000	2,700
New York	1,000.0	650.0	12.5	10.0	--	--	1,100	350
North Carolina	112.0	160.0	3.5	10.0	--	--	--	--
Oregon	142.0	150.0	6.5	7.9	9,000	8,000	40,000	31,000
Pennsylvania	480.0	390.0	75.0	60.0	--	--	580	355
South Carolina	6.0	9.0	100.0	160.0	--	--	--	--
Utah	30.0	8.0	9.0	6.5	--	--	700	400
Virginia	310.0	250.0	8.0	7.0	--	--	--	--
Washington	5,050.0	5,300.0	55.0	56.0	5,600	5,600	106,000	86,000
West Virginia	105.0	95.0	11.0	10.0	--	--	--	--
UNITED	9,428.7	8,592.1	^{3/} 2,433.3	^{4/} 2,575.4	^{5/} 21,200	^{5/} 15,850	230,380	180,225

^{1/} Includes unharvested production and harvested production not utilized. ^{2/} Freestone only. ^{3/} Includes CA Clingstone production of 952.0 million pounds. ^{4/} Includes CA Clingstone production of 1,124.0 million pounds. ^{5/} Excludes California.